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House Appropriations Request FY 2010

Project Name: Water and Wastewater System Efficiency Program
Recipient: North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center
Recipient Address: 4021 Carya Drive
Recipient City: Raleigh
Recipient State: North Carolina
Recipient Zip: 27610

Amount of Request: \$2,000,000

Explanation of the request:

The requested funding will be used by the Rural Center to help rural and economically distressed communities identify ways to rehabilitate and increase the capacity of existing systems, eliminate water loss resulting in revenue loss, and reduce the amount of wastewater being treated due to infiltration thereby reducing expenses.

The aging of America's water and sewer infrastructure is a well documented and much talked about crisis. The American Society of Civil Engineers reports that the nation is losing 7 billion gallons of water each day through leaky pipes. In North Carolina alone, water systems statewide are losing 11% of treated water annually due to leaks.

The Rural Center program budget includes funds for engineering, personnel, water resources management (including audits and efforts to reduce the loss of water due to inflow and infiltration of small, rural public systems), and for design and technical assistance to implement a leak detection and repair program.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.


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